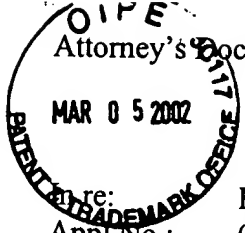


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Re: Hering et al.

App No.: 09/934,177

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated September 24, 2001,  
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- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533  
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- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been  
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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$782.00 to cover the filing fee of \$717.00 and the \$65.00  
surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- ☒ Other: Formal Drawings; 13 sheets

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SUBMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS  
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There is enclosed herewith one set (13 sheets) of new formal drawings. It is requested that these new drawings be substituted for the originally filed drawings.

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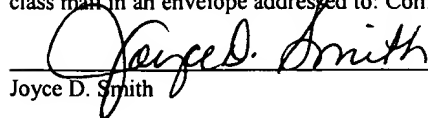


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